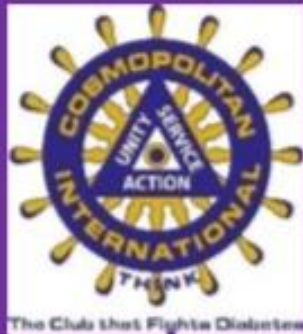




Cosmopolitan Meeting March 18, 2024

Cosmopolitan Rays, March 18, 2024



The Cosmo Rays

Shining Light on the Cosmopolitan Club's Activities

Published After Each Meeting by the Noon Cosmopolitan Club
Meetings Held at Noon on Mondays at Thirsty's at 819 West Main, Rapid City, South Dakota



President Chuck
Reuwsatt Called
the Meeting to
order at 12:00
PM.



President Chuck Reuwsatt Led the Members in Pledge of Allegiance









Jim Schuh, Led the Members in Prayer.









Jim Schuh talked to the Members about seeing Members Bev Kahler and Jim McGriff in the Monument Hospital. He said Bev was doing a lot better today than yesterday. Jim had back surgery this morning and that he was in good spirits yesterday.



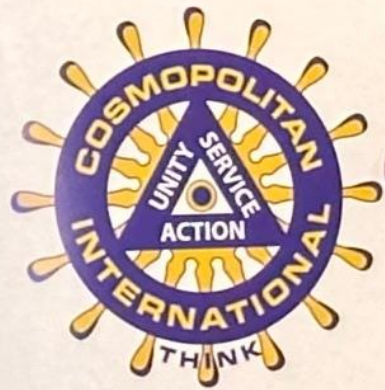
Sargent at Arms Dave Daughters stated he had talked to Member Allen Mathis during a basketball game. He said that Allen was going to Sioux Falls next week, for his Stem cell replacement therapy. He should be back home in May..

Nancy Trautman- Club President- Brought the meeting to Order at 12:00 PM.



President Chuck Reuwsatt had
Past International President
Jim Preston present the New
Member Pamphlets to Dick &
Susan Dittman.





The Club that Fights Diabetes

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Rodney Gunn talked to the Members about the upcoming Rush Hockey game on March 22nd and 24th.



President Elect Becky Kerr talked to the Members about the MANIA the Abba Tribute in the Fine Arts Theater on March 29th.



Jim Schuh talked to the Members about the Cosmo's doing the Brantley Gilbert Concert and Marshal's Football





Nancy Trautman - Club President Brought the meeting to Order at 12:00 P.M.

Club Secretary Rhonda Reuwsatt introduced Tiffanie Petro the Director of the Black Hills Children's Home.



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Our Mission

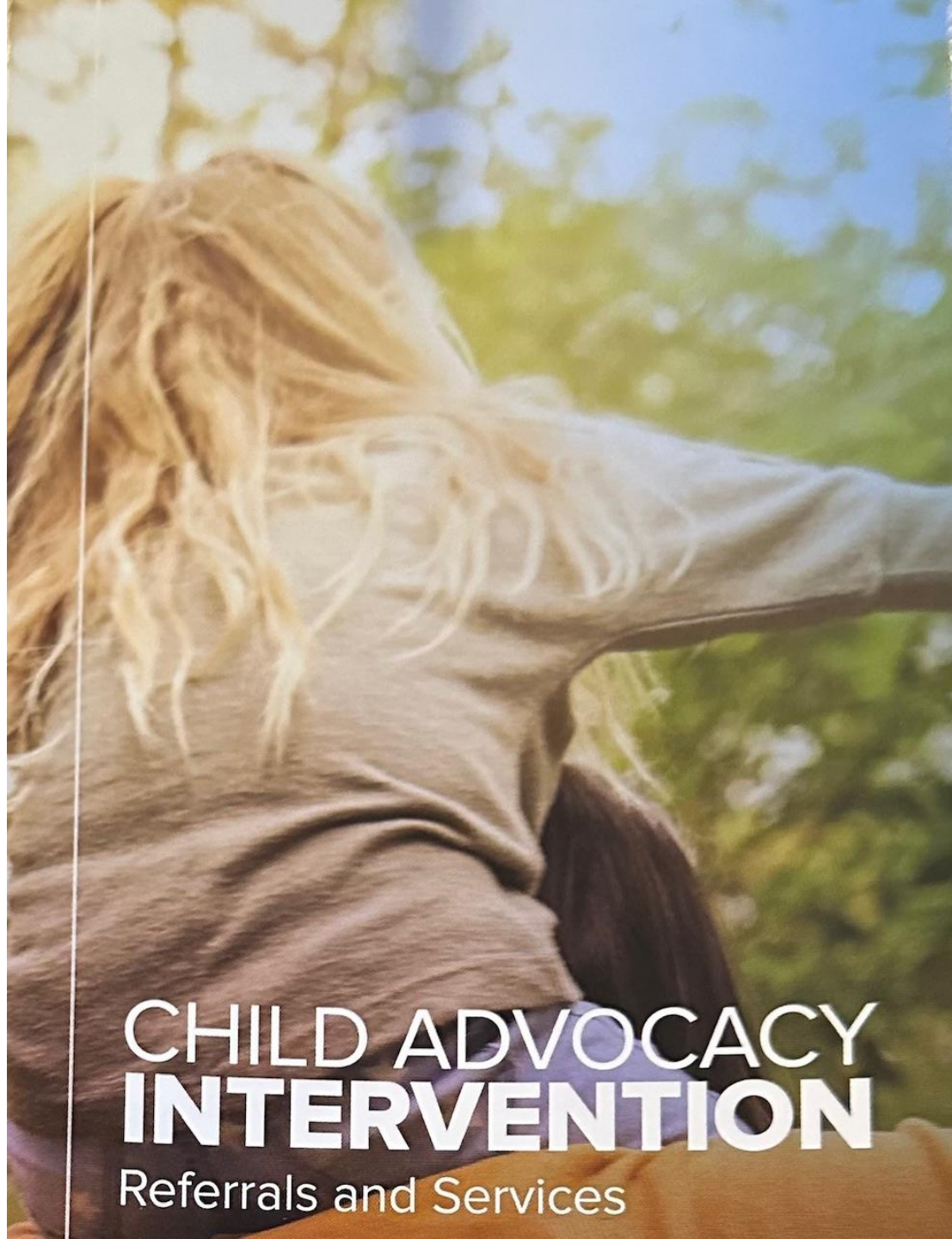
To prevent, treat and
heal trauma.

Our Vision

A world that stands up to
trauma where all people are
safe, healthy and resilient.

Our Values

We are better together.
We choose kindness.
We are tenacious.



CHILD ADVOCACY
INTERVENTION

Referrals and Services

Children's Home Society

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» WHO WE ARE

The purpose of Child Advocacy Centers (CACs), first created in 1985, is to reduce the trauma that children often endured when sharing their experiences of sexual abuse and other serious trauma with law enforcement and other agencies. Today, there are more than 900 CACs nationwide.

At Children's Home CAC, the child shares their experience with a trained interviewer who asks questions in a way that does not retraumatize the child. Then, a team that includes medical professionals, law enforcement, community mental health, prosecution, child protective services, victim advocacy and other professionals make decisions together about how to help the child based on the interview.

As a community-based CAC, we provide a safe place for children to share their experience, reducing trauma and helping preserve evidence, and to begin the healing process. We offer families the resources and support they need to overcome the trauma of abuse, stabilize their lives, learn coping skills and build healthy relationships.

Children's Home CAC accepts referrals from law enforcement and Child Protection Services (CPS). We are accredited by the National Children's Alliance.

FACT



1:4

girls



1:13

boys

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in the U.S. experience some
form of **sexual abuse**.*

*<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childsexualabuse/fastfact.html>

» HELPING CHILDREN HEAL

Child sexual abuse happens more often than we think.

Statistics prove that more than 90% of alleged offenders are a person the child or family knows and often trusts; but only 1 in 10 children will ever disclose this extreme violation of their trust.[^]

Imagine being brave enough as a child to tell an adult what has happened. Imagine the fear and confusion for the child if nothing changes. If a child has trusted you with a disclosure of sexual abuse, it is imperative that you act on the child's behalf.

At Children's Home CAC, we work as a team and believe nothing is more important than creating an environment that is safe and supportive. Together we can give the child a voice and an opportunity to begin their healing.

[^] Finkelhor, D. Sexually Assaulted Children. In press JJDP: Washington, DC



▶ **MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS AND CO-LOCATION**

Child abuse cases are complex and often involve many different organizations throughout the process. Communication and coordination are key in these situations to better enhance positive outcomes for children/youth and their caregivers.

CAC operates under the belief that we are better together and has established a collocating team of multi-disciplinary experts within the child welfare team.

Partners co-locate at CAC on a rotating basis. These include the Pennington County State's Attorney, Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Division of Criminal Investigation, and Child Protective Services (CPS). Other identified team members, such as other law enforcement, mental health professionals or medical professionals, also use the co-location office as needed.

» MULTIDISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATION

An interagency team approach is used to ensure prompt investigations of the child's experience—and all services are coordinated for the best interest of the child.

Forensic Interviews

A single, sensitive interview is conducted and recorded by a CAC forensic interviewer who is specially trained in interviewing children.

Medical Services

A child may receive a medical examination by a pediatric health care provider who specializes in the evaluation of child sexual abuse. This is determined after the forensic interview.

Mental Health

A child may be referred to receive crisis intervention, support and evidence-informed services.

Child Advocacy

A child and family advocate supports families to help answer questions, guide the court process, and connect the child to needed resources—such as referrals to mental health support.



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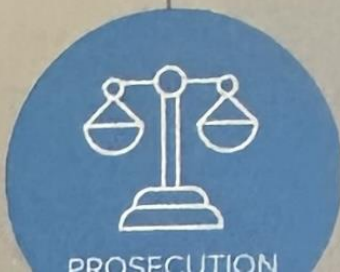
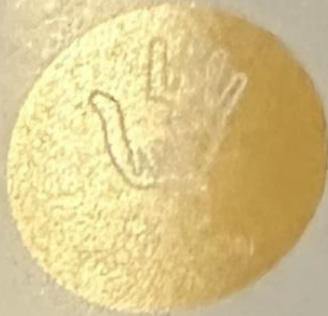
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Co-location enhances the communication and collaboration on child abuse investigations and provides a safe and supportive environment for partners to work together. It also offers opportunities for collaborative trainings, policy and procedure education and the sharing of best practices in child abuse cases.

» PREVENTION-BASED SERVICES

CAC's prevention initiative uses a comprehensive approach. The goals of our statewide training efforts are to decrease incidents of abuse, to respond effectively when it does occur, to ease trauma for the child, and to reduce the chance of future occurrences.

Professionals working with children play a critical role in helping children and families walk through trauma and come out stronger on the other side. CAC offers training to frontline staff involved in investigating and prosecuting child abuse cases, mental health professionals tasked with helping families heal, and school personnel who are often the first to hear a child's disclosure.

» MAKING A REFERRAL

CAC accepts referrals only from law enforcement, CPS, and Prosecution.

Direct referrals from a parent will not be accepted. Such concerns must first be reported to law enforcement or CPS in the jurisdiction area where the alleged abuse occurred. If appropriate, a referral will then be made to CAC.

Legal parents, guardians, or caregivers are required to sign a release of information form between CAC, CPS and law enforcement.

Forensic interviews may begin with children who are 36 months old. Abuse-specific medical examinations may be completed from birth onward.



Report Child Abuse 877.244.0864
or call **911** if the child is in danger.



»» **IF A CHILD DISCLOSES ABUSE**



DO:

- Practice your response before the situation arises.
- Ensure your body language conveys to the child that you hear and believe what they are telling you.
- Write down the exact words the child used in the disclosure.
- Thank the child for having the courage to tell you.
- As soon as possible, inform the child what will happen next with reporting.
- Report the abuse.
- Protect the child by not discussing the disclosure with others.

DO NOT:

- Use shocked or disbelieving body language.
- Express doubts to the child if you are skeptical.
- Record the child's statement.
- Ask the child to repeat their statement.
- Suggest or guess that the child might have been abused.
- Make a conclusion about the validity of the allegation.
- Ask the child any questions.

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Child Advocacy Center is a program of Children's Home Society of South Dakota, a 501c3 nonprofit organization. CAC is accredited by the National Children's Alliance.

Rotary



Major support for Children's Home Child Advocacy Center is provided by Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Club.

Privacy Policy: To protect the privacy of the children and families we serve, it is our practice (unless otherwise noted) to use names and photos that represent our stories and ensure confidentiality.

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Our Past. Our Future.

Established in 1893, Children's Home Society is South Dakota's oldest human services, nonprofit organization.

Our founders, William and Elizabeth Sherrard, were very dedicated to children in need. Before establishing Children's Home Society in Sioux Falls, they helped care for abused and neglected children in their own home in Clark County and found permanent families for them.



During this time, Children's Home Society orphanages were being established across the United States. When it was determined that a Children's Home should be established for the state of South Dakota, William and Elizabeth Sherrard were asked to move to Sioux Falls and formalize their mission.

Through incredible support from the community, a home was rented, furniture and other needs were donated, and William and Elizabeth moved to Sioux Falls to begin their work. On February 16, 1893, the first five children arrived. William was 55 and Elizabeth was 63.



Not only did William and Elizabeth work to care for and place out children, spread awareness of their work, and raise funds to support its needs, they were also integral in writing the very first child protection laws for the State of South Dakota, which were passed by the state legislature in 1897.

From humble beginnings, Children's Home Society of South Dakota continued to serve as the state's primary orphanage and adoption agency for more than 70 years. Thousands of children throughout the state were rescued, cared for, and provided permanent families.

In the late 1960s, the need for orphanages diminished across the country as foster care was introduced and became the preferred method of care for abused and abandoned children. The historic orphanage, which was located on 10th & Cliff in Sioux Falls, closed in 1968.



To address another growing need, we then focused our efforts on developing residential treatment and special education programs to serve children with emotional and behavioral needs - most often due to histories of abuse.

As the state's needs in this area continued to increase, it was determined that a facility in Western South Dakota was needed in order to better serve children who were from that area. In 1972, our board voted to purchase a home and 80 acres of land in the Black Hills near Rapid City.

In the mid 1970s the concept of developing emergency crisis centers was also being explored across the country.

The Siouxland Child Protection Council realized a dire need to provide such a service in Sioux Falls, and with the help of grant funding and philanthropic individuals in the Sioux Falls community, Children's Inn opened in 1977 as one of the first 10 crisis shelters in the United States.

With the very first knock at its door, Children's Inn's mission was to provide emergency shelter for women and children who were victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and neglect. Children's Inn also provided crisis intervention, parenting education, a 24-hour crisis hotline, and community education for abuse prevention.

In 1998, Children's Inn and Children's Home Society merged, with Children's Inn, continuing to operate as a program of Children's Home Society. The mission to serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse continues today.

In November 2022, Children's Inn changed its name to the Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety—a name that better reflects the scope of services provided. While the name changed, the mission and services remained the same.

Through the years, Children's Home Society has continued to expand our continuum of services to meet the evolving needs of South Dakota children and families. Through all of our programs, we are ready to come alongside parents or guardians to strengthen their families and to help children get the care and services they need.





A Century of Service

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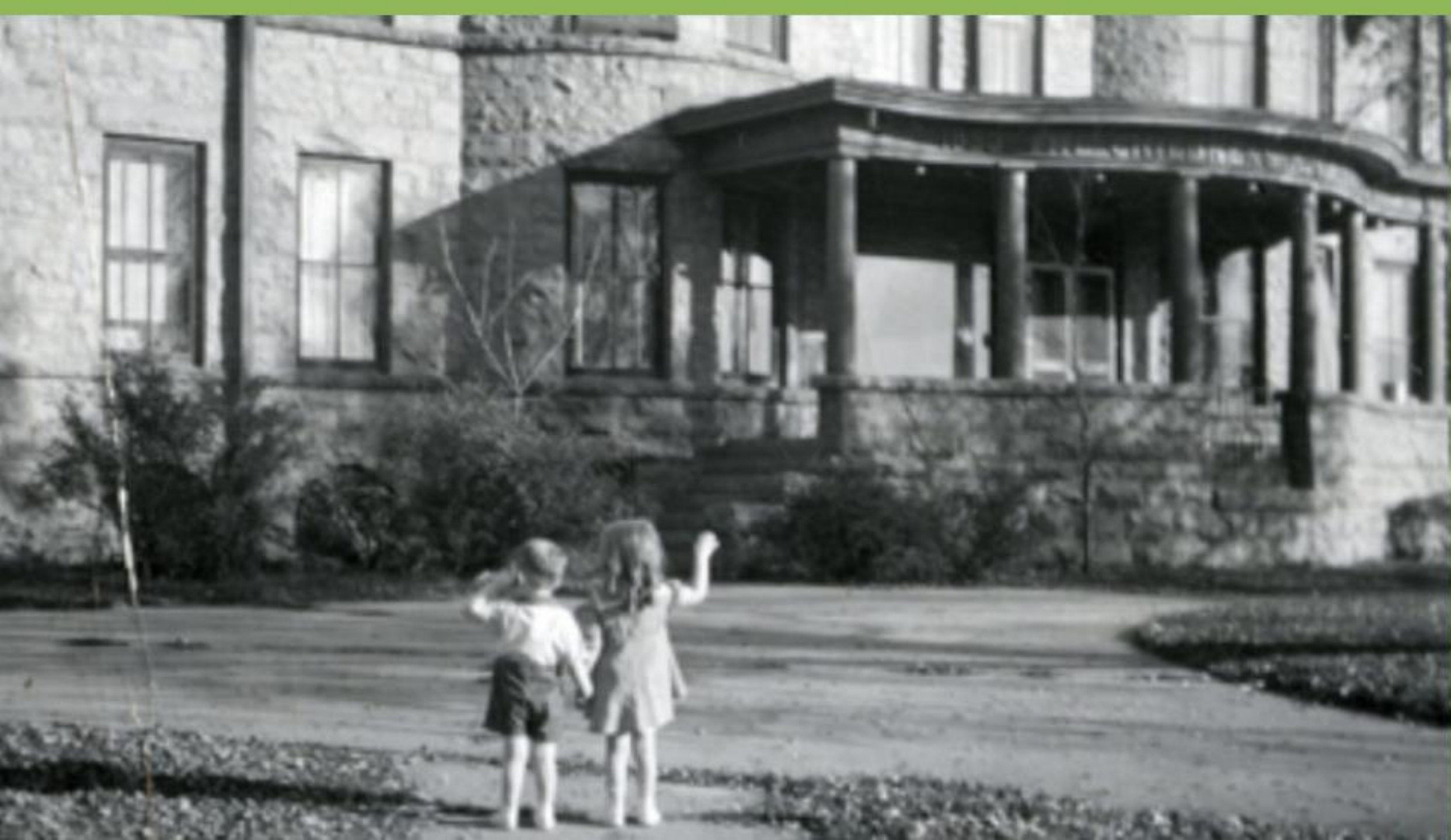


Through our many programs, we serve families, individuals, and children of all ages. Many are victims of domestic violence, abuse and neglect, or traumatic life events.

We also partner with caring parents to help children with emotional or behavioral needs.

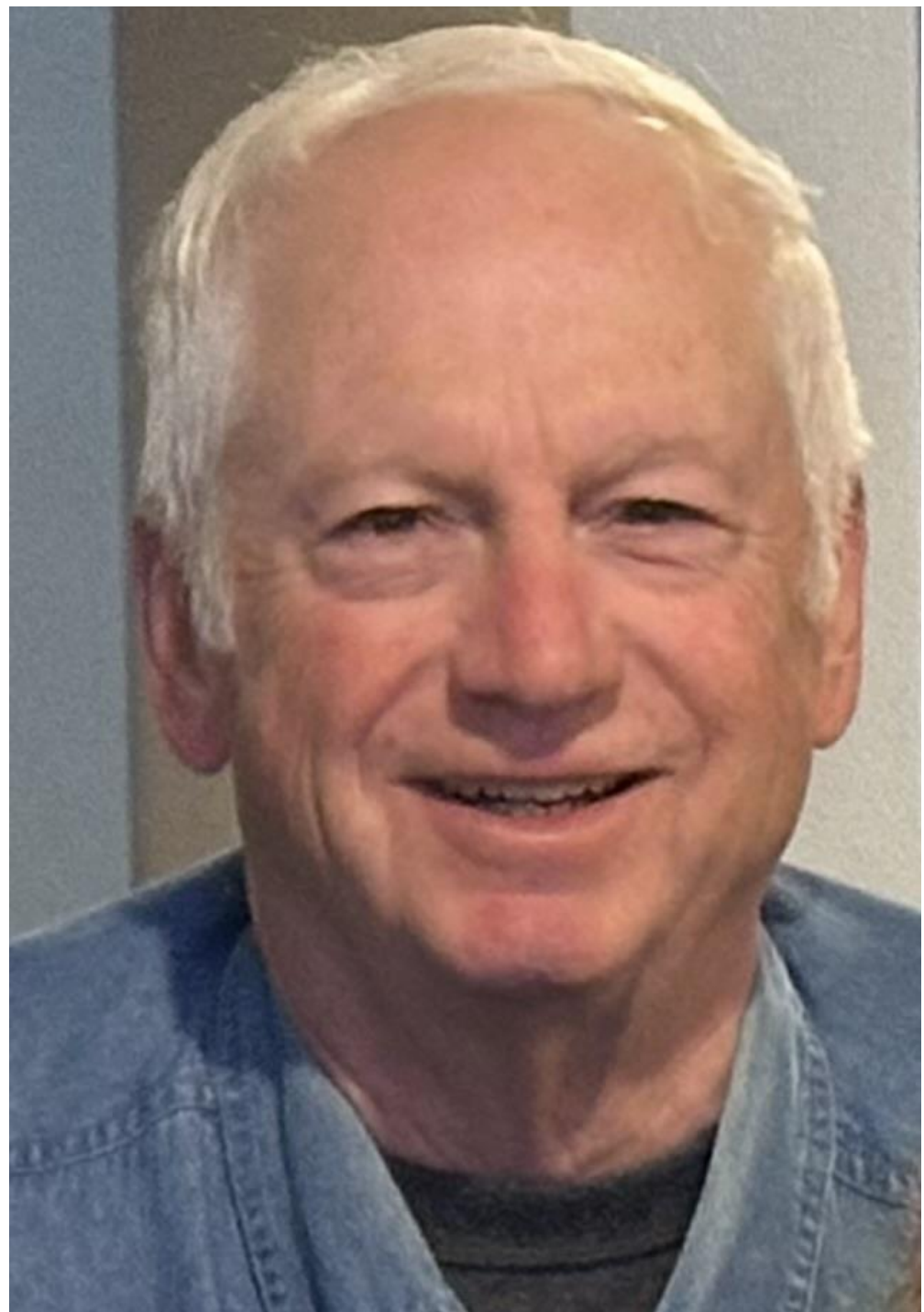
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President Chuck Reuwsatt had Jim Preston talk about the 2027 International Convention in Rapid City and planning for a bus to Edmonton Canada international Convention this Summer.



























*Susan Dittman was the Lucky Mrs. X for the Day.
She Won \$5.00*

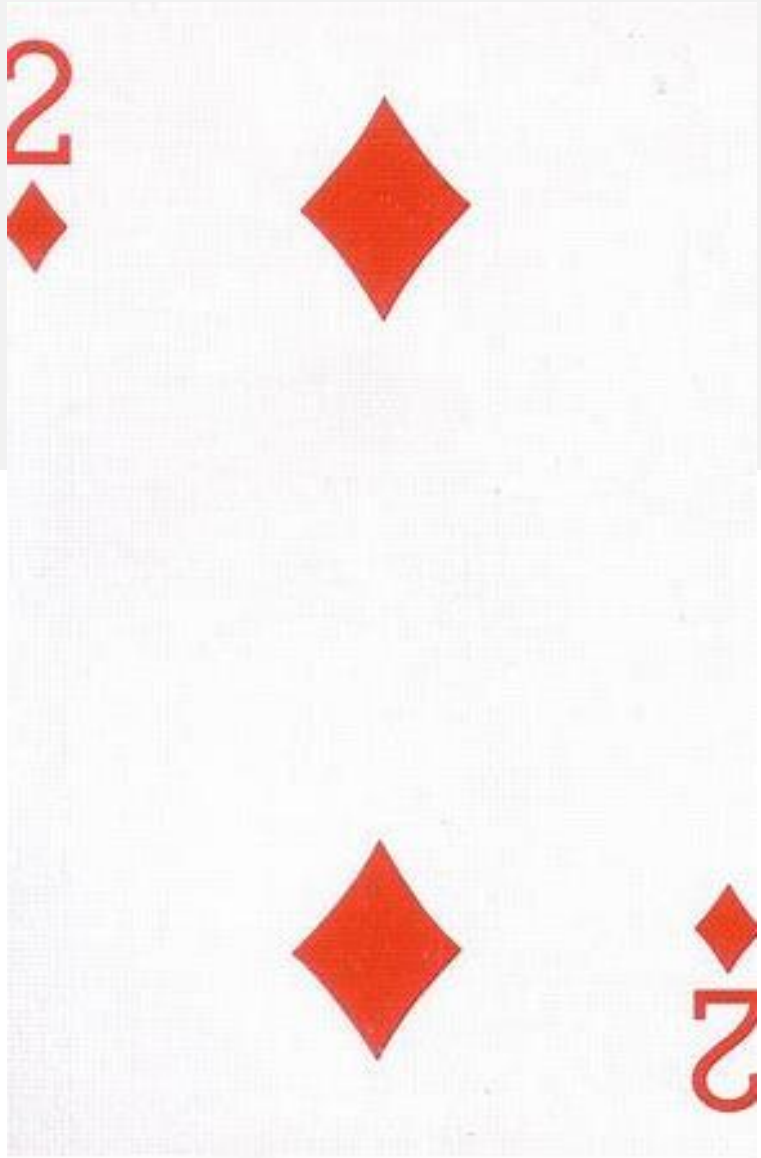


Nancy Trautman, Club President, brought the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.



Dan Miller was the Lucky 50-50 Winner. He won \$9.00. He gave it all back..





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Dan Miller (Ditto) was the Lucky 2 of Diamonds Winner. He drew the Jack of Hearts. There were 20 Cards left and it was worth \$278.00.

*Upcoming
Cosmopolitan
Meetings*

**March 25, 2024. Bridgett Marshall
Journey On Director.**

April 1, 2024. No Meeting Easter

**April 8, 2024. Rapid City Mayor Jason
Salamun**

Speaking on - Vision for Rapid City

Member Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Merbach, Carol	March 7
Kerr, Becky	March 10
Spreizer, Christina	March 12
Duffield, Kaye	March 12
Keck, Bill	March 13
Kahler, Dick	March 14



Member Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mathis, Allan	March 16
Culham, Todd	March 18
Sumption, Brian	March 26
Bachi, Kav	March 26
Dittman, Richard	March 30



Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club

Anniversaries for August

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>
Phelan, Paul	44 years	Mar. 10 1980
Jackson, Douglas	26 years	Mar. 23 1998
Wright, Lenny	9 years	Mar. 25 2015
Magnuson, Rosa	9 years	Mar. 25 2015



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Rapid City Club President

Cosmopolitan International Executive Director



- The close of our 2022-2023 year is now history and it was closed out in grand fashion with a fun filled convention. Not only the fun, there was also the opportunity to attend some outstanding education seminars in marketing, membership and more. If you were at International convention, you were able to bring home many ideas to share with the members of your club and it is now time to use those ideas as you look to the future***

Melvina Newman

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***WHAT IS YOUR WISH FOR
COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL –
THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!***





International President Dick Gorton

- We are fortunate to have some really talented people serving as officers who will help with the implementation of our programs. Plus, you have Candy to help me and for that you are most fortunate! Most of you have had some contact with her as she contacted your clubs to update member rosters, current club officers, and names of members who have passed away this year for memorial recognition at the International Convention. Speaking of the International Convention, I can't remember the first convention Candy and I attended. It's been a few years ago. It may have been the convention in New Orleans; that was certainly a memorable one as we paraded down Bourbon Street complete with marching band! The conventions offer a number of opportunities and benefits. The first is to renew old friendships and make new ones. As a member of Cosmopolitan you will be able to participate in our business meetings and make decisions that are critical to our success. You will also visit some interesting places, places that you might not have seen if it were not for our conventions. Places like Gettysburg, New Orleans, Calgary, Rapid City, Omaha, Las Vegas, and Norfolk. Lastly, our conventions provide the latest information on what is happening with diabetes research and offer the opportunity to develop a new Cosmo project to help find a cure for this dreaded disease!
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Mo-Kan Federation Governor - Dayton Shepherd, Columbia Show-Me & St. Charles County Clubs

North Central Federation Governor – Nancy Trautman Rapid City Club

Western Canada Federation Governor - John Krysak, Wascana Club